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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Background Briefing for Richard Kaufman,
Joint Economic Committee

STAT 1. On 17 February 1988 at 1400 hours in room 5 E 46 HQS, [redacted] DI/SOVA met with Richard Kaufman, of the Joint Economic Committee for a discussion on Soviet defense spending trends to set the stage for the 1988 cycle of Congressional hearings on the subject.

2. They covered the Gorbachev defense spending goals, the potential economic effect of arms control and possible new weapon programs.

3. As part of the discussion, the analysts discussed a translation in a FBIS Annex (AOUO) of the December issue of "Kommunist." This article was provided to Mr. Kaufman. He also requested a copy of "A Comparison of Warsaw Pact and NATO Defense Activities 1976-1986 (U)" SOV 87-10077 of December 1987. This document has been sent by OCA.

STAT 4. There were no other follow-up questions from Mr. Kaufman.

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